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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

KILGER et al.

Group Art Unit: 1656

Serial No.: 09/339,103

Examiner K. Horlick

Filed: June 24, 1999

Atty. Docket No. 101614-08090

For: METHOD FOR THE UNCOUPLED, DIRECT, EXPONENTIAL AMPLIFICATION
AND SEQUENCING OF DNA MOLECULES WITH THE ADDITION OF A
SECOND THERMOSTABLE DNA POLYMERASE AND ITS APPLICATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 10, 2001

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 127-131 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Please add claim 145 as follows:

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--145. The kit of claim 124 wherein said polymerase-inhibiting agent is citraconic anhydride.--